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To the People of the United States.

The People of the United States, without regard to past political differences or divisions, who are opposed to the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, to the policy of the present administration to the extension of Slavery in the Territories, in favor of the admission of Kansas as a free State, and of restoring the action of the Federal Government to the principles of WASHINGTON and JEFFERSON, are invited by the National Committee appointed by the Pittsburgh Convention of the 22d of February, 1850, to send from each State three Delegates in every Congressional District, and six delegates at large, to meet in PHILADELPHIA, ON THE SEVENTEEN DAY OF JUNE NEXT, for the purpose of recommending candidates to be supported for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States.

E. D. MORGAN, New York.

FRANCIS P. BLAIR, Maryland.

JOHN M. NILES, Connecticut.

DAVID VILMOT, Pennsylvania.

A. P. STONE, Ohio.

WILLIAM M. CHASE, Rhode Island.

JOHN Z. GOODRICH, Massachusetts.

GEORGE BYRD, Virginia.

ANDREW R. BALLYLOWELL, Maine.

E. S. LELAND, Illinois.

CHARLES DICKEY, Michigan.

GEORGE G. FOOTE, New Hampshire.

A. J. STEVENS, Iowa.

CORNELIUS COLE, California.

LAWRENCE BRAEFORD, Vermont.

WILLIAM GROSE, Indiana.

WYMAN SPOONER, Wisconsin.

C. M. K. PAULSON, New Jersey.

E. D. WILLIAMS, Delaware.

JOHN G. LEE, Kentucky.

JAMES RUDPETH, Missouri.

LEWIS CLEPHANE, State of Columbia.

WASHINGTON, March 10, 1850. National Committee.

Kansas Mass Meeting.

Concert Hall was crowded to overflowing, last evening, to hear the report of Professor Daniels upon Kansas. There was quite a sprinkling of ladies, though not as many as we wished to see.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Douglas, and Gen'l King invited to take the Chair. E. P. Hotchkiss was appointed Secretary. Judge A. D. Smith, S. M. Booth and Dr. Douglass were loudly called upon for speeches, but excused themselves. E. D. Holton, being called out, entertained the audience with an animated speech, until Prof. Daniels, who had been unusually detained, arrived.

Prof. Daniels then took the stand, and held the undivided attention of the audience for an hour and a half while he related the story of his travels and the information he had gathered upon Kansas soil.

After describing the country, which description has been already laid before the public, in the Professors letters, though less in detail, the speaker went on to speak of the people, and the state in which he found them. Five-sixths he judged to be of the Free State sentiment. Yet with this great majority, Free State men wore sober faces, and anxious looks.—There was little joking about issues and events. Men are crying all over the States "peace, peace," that there is now no fear of a collision in Kansas. Kansas Freeman will tell you differently. The peace that there reigns, is but the lull before the hurricane. It is but an armistice, to give time to prepare the munitions and the sinews of war, on the part of the South. Over the heads of Kansas Freeman hang the infamous laws of a bogus Legislature. Laws that virtually disfranchise five-sixths of all the voters in the territory. If the Enabling Act, or anything similar should be adopted by Congress, those laws will have to be openly defied, or Kansas becomes a Slave State.

On that matter the Kansas people are calm but determined, and if the poisonous feet of Slavery must traverse that glorious soil, it will be over the corpses of its present settlers. He pronounced a splendid eulogy upon the spirit and patriotism of the men of Lawrence. He described the place, the trenches and breastworks, and melted the audience to tears with the touching story of the murder of Barber and the desolation of his young widow. Clark, the murderer, is still holding office there under Franklin Pierce. The cowardly murder of Brown was narrated with eloquence and pathos. "The blood of these noble men," said the speaker, "lay to the charge of Frank Pierce and those who support his infamous Administration!" The sentiment was endorsed by the audience with thundering applause. Kansas wants immediately a force of well-armed men along her Missouri border. Let her have a few hundred such men there now, and all will be well.

They are needed along the border, to head off those invasions. The Border Ruffians have a peculiar antipathy to real and practical fighting. They have a reverential horror of Sharp's rifle. Some of them think it will shoot over a hill or around a hay-stack, or almost any way or distance imaginable.

The Prof. thought Leavenworth City an important point. It was the Milwaukee of Kansas. Free-State men were in the majority there, but were cowed by Missouri influence. They need a Free State paper there. The one they had, was thrown into the river. Fifty men are pledged now to stand by such a paper to the death, if one is established. It was suggested that Mr. Ross, who goes from this city, be supplied with the means to publish a paper at that place, and that fifty rifles be raised and sent to Leavenworth, to defend the freedom of the Press.

He spoke most eloquently of the noble women of Kansas, most of whom had recently left the refinements of the Eastern States. He had seen women there, from the classic shades of Cambridge, from the cultivated circles of Boston and New York, who, through the memorable siege, worked all day in the kitchen to cook for that garrison and worked all night making cartridges for their use. Many of them had trained themselves to the use of the rifle and

revolver. The speaker would have been glad to see more ladies present. He thought the cause demanded their active sympathies, as did the cause of the Revolution. He would like to see the fashion and wealth that throng to see tragedy upon the stage, cast a feeling glance upon the touching drama of reality now being presented on the plains of Kansas. Let those who sigh and weep over fictitious suffering and wrongs depicted on the page of the novelist, spare here a tear for a scene of "virtue in distress," that needs no colors of the fancy to stir the profoundest emotions of the heart.

Justice cannot be done the Professor, in this report. His address was spiced with anecdotes and enlivened bursts of feeling, that bespoke a warm heart as well as an eloquent tongue.

Mr. Tweedy being called for all over the house, made a most spirited and telling speech.

He had no sympathy with those soft and sanctimonious men, who raised their hands in pious horror at the idea of sending rifles to Kansas. It was the only way in fact, to prevent bloodshed. He heralded Pierce & Co., without gloves, and was repeatedly interrupted by vehement applause. Mr. C. T. Hotchkiss, the Secy. of the State Kansas Society, read to the meeting a rousing Kansas song, composed by a Kansas lady, which was well received. Inquiry was made by Mr. W. P. Flanders, in regard to the cost of Sharp's rifles, upon which a letter was read by Prof. Daniels, from the manufacturer of said rifles, who offers them to emigrants at \$25 apiece, with an addition of two dollars per doz., for the box in which they are transported. It is estimated that they will cost \$27 apiece to get them delivered here. Mr. Holton stated that arrangements were made to canvass the city immediately, for money &c., and citizens would be called upon this week, but if any present saw fit to give in their names for a rifle, he would lead off, by subscribing for one himself. Gen. King, S. M. Booth, J. Tweedy, and Walker Bean followed Mr. Holton's lead, when the hour being rather late, the meeting adjourned.

The committee on subscriptions will wait upon our citizens during this week. Friends of Freedom, give as though on your personal donation the whole matter rested.

PORTRAIT OF DOUGLAS.—We endorse every word of the following description of Senator Douglas, to whom we are under obligations almost daily, for reports and speeches, under his frank:

Our portrayal of the essential characteristics of Senator Douglas appears to have shocked the sensibilities of some of our contemporaries. In our estimation, the annals of public affairs can show no greater criminal than the man who, at this age, in a Republican Government, sells out free territory to be coerced and blackened with the hideous crime and curse of African Slavery; aims to cover the transaction by pretending its harmony with the benevolent designs of the great National Charter of our Liberties; defends, by glaring falsehoods, the outrages and tyranny engendered by the incipient process of this traitorous surrender; and then dares insolently to threaten to "subdue" by powder and ball, and the hangman's cord, the opponents and victims of the stupendous crime and swindle. What sort of language is applicable to such a man, but that which describes the morals of the slaver, the pirate, and the traitor? If human doom is to be commensurate with human offence, what short of moral crucifixion, should be the penalty of such gigantic wickedness?

THE ARGUS claims that the State Canvassers referred to Spring Creek, Bridge Creek, and Gilbert's Mills in the following paragraph:

"With this view of the law, and in accordance with abundance of precedents," we canvassed the precinct and town returns.—This we did without the slightest suspicion that any of those returns were liable to impeachment in any way as unfair, fraudulent or false."

A pretty general reference! Why not particularize, as in other cases, how they received these returns and who vouches for them? Such frauds ought not to be disposed of so lightly.

The Canvassers should wash their hands of them, if they can.

REMOVED.—The *News* learned by telegraph, at 4 P. M. yesterday, that Gov. Balford had removed Mr. PREUSS—recently appointed by him—from the office of Superintendent of Public Property.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.—The *New York Tribune*, in its commercial article of Friday last, says in western shares there was a strong feeling. Cleveland and Toledo, with large sales, advanced to \$1, the closing sale being at \$03, an improvement of 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. Southern Michigan is also very buoyant, and advanced to 99, which is 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent better. Wisconsin Lake Shore was steady at 73 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Milwaukee & Mississippi at 83 $\frac{1}{2}$. Michigan Central was 95. Galena & Chicago improved at the opening, but was afterwards heavy. Chicago & Rock Island was not sustained, and sold at 92 $\frac{1}{2}$. There was a large business in Illinois Central Bonds, \$110,000, closing at 87 $\frac{1}{2}$. Erie, 1871, sold at 83 $\frac{1}{2}$, 1862, 85 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Goshen Line, 88 $\frac{1}{2}$.

DAILY DEMOCRATIC STANDARD.—We have received the first number of the *Daily Democratic Standard*, published at Janesville, by Brown & Armstrong. It is a six column paper, and makes a very good appearance, typographically, but is avulantly Old Hunkerish and is a realious supporter of the rotten Barstow Dynasty. Janesville now rejoices in two Daily papers, and if the people are very liberal, both of them may be well sustained.

KANSAS MEETINGS.—AT MILTON, JAMESVILLE, BELLOT & CO. as will be seen by reference to another column, Kansas meetings are to be held. Prof. Daniels will be present, and address the people, in behalf of the State Kansas Aid Society.

REV. MR. O'REILLY.—NOT THE BISHOP.—The Rev. Mr. Duffy, a pastor of St. Patrick's Church of this city, received a letter to day from Cambria, from the brother of Bishop O'Reilly in Ireland, dated March 27th stating that Bishop O'Reilly sailed on board the Pacific, and of course his fate is involved in that of the steamer.

MARINE.—The Harbor of Cape Vincent, on Lake Ontario, is open, and the new steamers Canada and America, of the Great Western R. R. Line, commenced running between Hamilton and the Cape on the 21st inst.

MORE DEFLATION AT NEW ORLEANS.—B. C. Leibeth, late City Attorney of New Orleans, is a defaulter to the amount of \$300,000.

Washington News.

An anti-Nebraska convention was held at Washington on the evening of the 21st ult., at which Messrs. Pennington of New Jersey, Hale and Harlan of Iowa, were appointed a committee to nominate an executive committee. They reported the following names which were confirmed: Messrs. Collamer and Wilson of the Senate, and Messrs. Mace and Norton of the House.

Mr. Galloway gave a favorable account of the state of public feeling in Ohio, whence he recently returned.

On the 21st inst., Justice Nelson delivered the opinion of the Supreme Court in the case of the State of Pennsylvania complainant against the Welling & Belmont Bridge Company and others, dissolving the injunction granted by the Circuit Judge, overruling the motion for taxation and process therefore.

CONGRESSIONAL.—In the Senate on the 22d inst., the House Bill amending the boundary law of 1850 was passed; the object of the bill is to provide for the admission of pale evidence in all cases where no recognized evidence exists, and to allow time occupied in traveling to and from the place of muster to be included in the period of service.

In the House appropriation bill was considered and a great many of the Senate amendments thereto were rejected. Among the amendments adopted, was one appropriating \$3,000 for the purpose of collecting seed and cuttings to be distributed throughout the country, by the Agricultural Department of the Patent Office. The House then passed a joint resolution, turning over to Wisconsin the remaining part of \$10,000 heretofore appropriated for the harbor of Sheboygan, to be expended for that purpose, under the direction of the State. Messrs. Washburne and Wade, the committee to which the subject was referred, reported about fifty bills for the improvement of Rivers and harbors, also for Post Office and Custom House purposes. The bills were referred to the State committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

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SHEROYAN.—The *Sheboygan Times* of the 19th inst., says: "Some ten or twelve new buildings have gone up in this city during the last two weeks, and scores of others are being commenced and in contemplation. Some hundreds will undoubtedly be added to the number during the coming season. They are evidences of thrift not to be mistaken."

THE PACIFIC.—The telegraph yesterday brought news that a steamer had been received from Province town, Cape Cod, that a bottle had drifted ashore there, containing a paper with the following words upon it:—"Off Grand Bank in steamer Pacific" to be sold for \$100.

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